

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Mountjoy

January 27, 2003

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the National Slave Memorial Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, as introduced, Mountjoy. The National Slave Memorial Act.

This measure would urge the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 196, the National Slave Memorial Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The National Slave Memorial Act (H.R. 196) was
2 introduced in the House of Representatives on January 7, 2003, to
3 authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a memorial to
4 slavery in the District of Columbia; and

5 WHEREAS, Slavery influenced 250 years of American history
6 and was a major cause of our bloodiest war, and while the past 50
7 years have seen great advances made to unify our nation, slavery
8 and those who suffered under its injustice remain in a shadow; and

9 WHEREAS, The image of a slave is one that not only must be
10 remembered, but also must be respected, and a slave memorial will
11 play a role in healing the legacy of slavery; and

12 WHEREAS, The images and words of this memorial will serve
13 to recognize those who have been forgotten, and locating the
14 memorial in Washington, D.C., will give national visibility to

1 those forgotten Africans and their descendants who labored,
2 suffered, and died as slaves; and

3 WHEREAS, A National Slave Memorial will provide an
4 excellent opportunity for our nation to recognize the contributions
5 and sacrifices made by Africans in our nation's history, and to
6 recognize those who fought to end the injustice of slavery; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
9 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
10 hereby urges the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 196,
11 the National Slave Memorial Act; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
13 of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the
15 United States Congress.

